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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEMS

ETHIOPIA -- THE EMPEROR AND THE ARMED FORCES COORDINATING COMMITTEE (AFCC): EMBASSY ADDIS REPORTS THAT INFORMATION IT IS RECEIVING STRONGLY SUGGESTS THE FUTURE OF THE EMPEROR AND THE MONARCHY ARE RAPIDLY BECOMING THE SUBJECT OF SHARPENING DEBATE WITHIN THE RULING ARMED FORCES COORDINATING COMMITTEE. LINES ARE BEGINNING TO BE DRAWN BETWEEN RADICALS WHO INSIST THE EMPEROR MUST GO AND MODERATES WHO ARE PREPARED TO RETAIN THE EMPEROR AND THE INSTITUTION. IT IS DIFFICULT TO TELL WHICH WAY THE DEBATE IS GOING, BUT LEADING OBSERVERS IN ADDIS SPECULATE THAT THE DENOUNCEMENT COULD COME FASTER THAN ANTICIPATED, POSSIBLY WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. IF AFCC MEMBERS ACT IN KEEPING WITH PAST PERFORMANCE, THEY WILL GO ONLY SO FAR AS THEY FEEL THEY CAN WITHOUT RISKING CIVIL STRIFE. EMBASSY LONDON REPORTS THAT THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN ADDIS ABABA HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY THE EMPEROR'S GRANDSON CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF POLITICAL ASYLUM FOR HAILE SELASSIE IN THE UK. AS A RESULT OF THIS APPROACH AND GROWING AGITATION AGAINST THE EMPEROR, THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IS RETURNING TO ETHIOPIA TWO WEEKS EARLIER THAN PLANNED. (HORAN)

POSSIBLE SCHUETZ VISIT TO U.S.: A CONFIDANT OF WEST BERLIN MAYOR SCHUETZ HAS INDICATED THE MAYOR'S INTEREST IN VISITING THE U.S. SOME TIME PRIOR TO THE BERLIN ELECTIONS NEXT MARCH. THE CONFIDANT, GUENTER STRUVE, LEFT LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WOULD BE TO BOLSTER SCHUETZ'S IMAGE WITH BERLIN'S POPULACE. HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WHILE IN THE U.S., THE MAYOR WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT AND YOU.

SCHUETZ FEELS THAT A VISIT WITH THE PRESIDENT AND YOU IS POLITICALLY IMPORTANT, BUT THAT AN INVITATION IS NEEDED TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE. THE U.S. MISSION IN BERLIN RECOMMENDS THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO EXTENDING SUCH AN INVITATION, PARTICULARLY INASMUCH AS BERLIN CDU FRAKTION PLANS TO SEND A DELE-

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GATION TO THE U.S. PRIOR TO THE BERLIN ELECTIONS. (GATES)

JAPANESE PROPOSAL ON KHMER UNGA CREDENTIALS FIGHT: EMBASSY PHNOM PENH REPORTS THAT THE JAPANESE HAVE PROPOSED A NEW STRATEGY TO SAVE THE GKR'S UN SEAT THIS FALL. IT CALLS FOR:

- THE TWO PARTIES TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS;
- ALL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED TO RESPECT THE RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS; AND,
- THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL TO BE INVITED TO OFFER HIS GOOD OFFICES TO START THE NEGOTIATIONS.

THE JAPANESE REPORTEDLY BELIEVE THAT THE "UN FACTFINDING MISSION" APPROACH BEING DISCUSSED BY ASEAN STATES WOULD FAIL. THE JAPANESE SEE THE CURRENT VOTE BREAKDOWN AS GRUNK - 58, AND GKR - 52.

THERE IS SOME FEAR IN PHNOM PENH (WHICH WE DO NOT SHARE) THAT THIS PROPOSAL MIGHT REQUIRE THE GKR TO VACATE ITS UN SEAT. (QUINN/STEARMAN)

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